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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I want to take this chance to express my support for the settlement concluded last November between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I believe Microsoft should be free to focus on their business and not have to worry about any more litigation.

The agreement requires many concessions from Microsoft regarding their business practices. One example includes agreeing to design future versions of Windows that will provide a mechanism to make it easy for computer makers, consumers and software developers to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows. This mechanism will give consumers the freedom to add or remove access to features built in to Windows or to non-Microsoft software.

I know there have been concerns that Microsoft won't abide by their obligations. But these concerns should be alleviated by the creation of a three-member Technical Committee to monitor Microsoft's practices. This committee will take any complaints from third parties who feel Microsoft is not complying with any provision of the settlement. So the agreement is strong and should continue to be supported by the federal government.

Sincerely,

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